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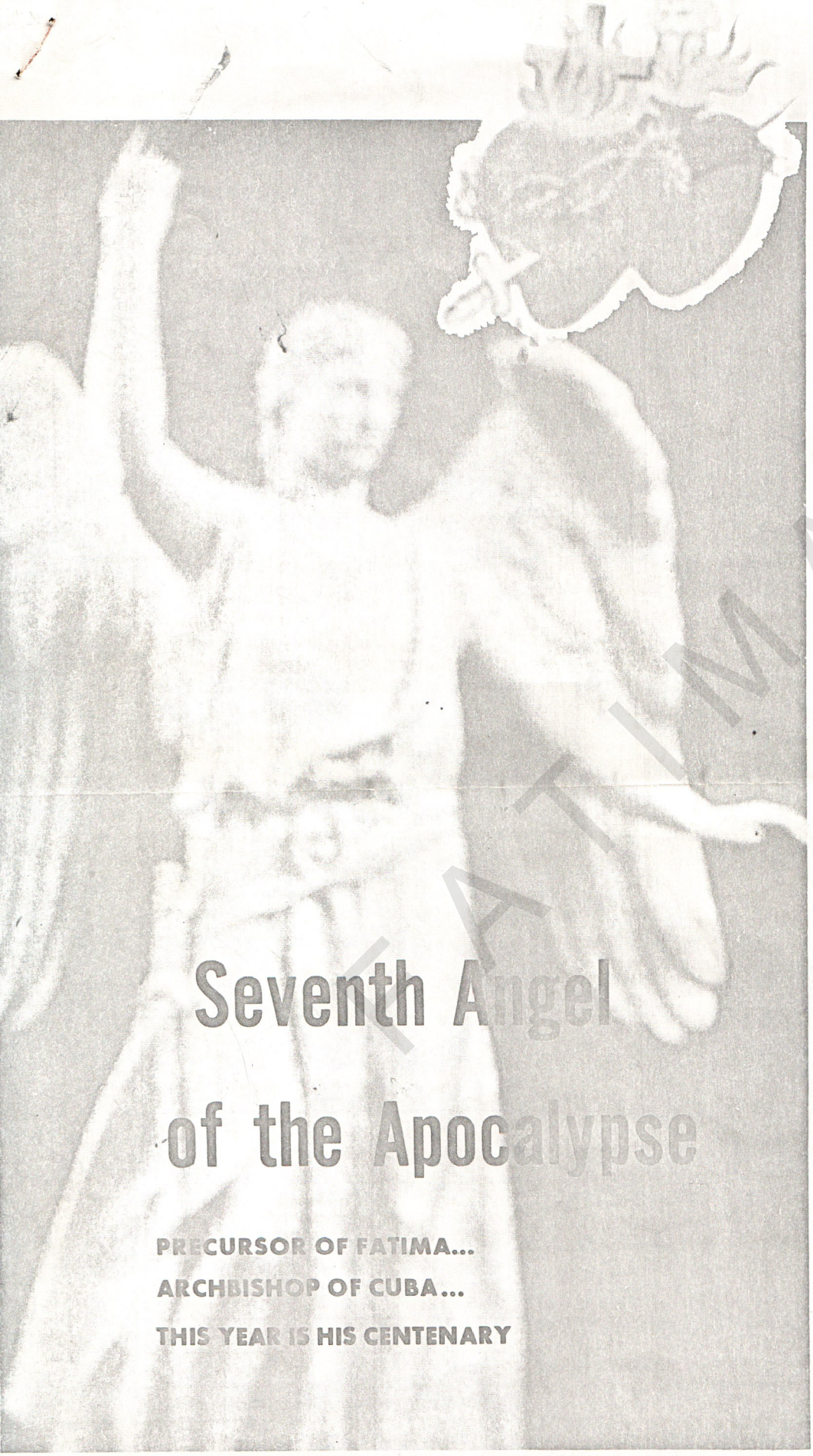

Seventh Angel of the Apocalypse

PRECURSOR OF FATIMA...
ARCHBISHOP OF CUBA...
THIS YEAR IS HIS CENTENARY

by Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

St. Anthony Mary Claret, archbishop of Cuba, royal confessor of Queen Elizabeth II of Spain, father of Vatican Council I, and so far the only canonized saint of that Council, is the greatest apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of the 19th century and the forerunner of the Message of Fatima.

St. Anthony Mary Claret was a special devotee of the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother all his life, from 1807 to 1870. His ideal was St. John the Evangelist in his filial love, his perfect surrender and thorough consecration of the Blessed Mother. Even more the ideal of St. Anthony Mary Claret was Jesus Christ Himself, to love with the Divine Heart of Jesus the Immaculate Heart of His most loving Mother and our Mother, given to us by Him as His last and best present while dying on the Cross in the person of St. John with those most beautiful words: "Behold thy son," "Behold Thy Mother."

Forerunner of Fatima.

St. Anthony Mary Claret was the forerunner of the Fatima message for the following twelve reasons:

First: Because of his devotion to the Most Holy Trinity. St. Anthony Mary Claret recited the Angelic Trisagion each day. His devotion to the Most Holy Trinity was supreme, particularly at the end of his life.

Second: St. Anthony Mary Claret was one of the greatest adorers of the Most Blessed Sacrament from the beginnings of his childhood. St. Anthony Mary Claret preserved within his virginal body (incorrupt from one Holy Communion to the next) the Sacramental Species, from August 26th of 1861 until the day of his death, October 24, 1870. This is a most extraordinary grace granted by the Blessed Mother to him. Let us

quote St. Anthony Mary Claret to this purpose:

Why This Rarest of Gifts?

"The Most Holy Virgin obtained for me from her Divine Son the grace of preserving within my breast the Sacramental Species from one Communion to the next."This extraordinary favor was granted to St. Anthony Mary Claret not only for his personal holiness but as Our Lord and the Blessed Mother told him – to be a tower of spiritual strength to counteract the moral evils of his day, particularly atheism.

Third: The Blessed Mother one Christmas night after the midnight Mass placed the Child Jesus in his arms, in the convent of the Adorers of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Madrid.

Fourth: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Apostle of the Immaculate Heart, deserves the place he occupies in the Basilica at Fatima on the right hand of the Blessed Mother on the main altar. He spread the devotion to the Immaculate Heart by word of mouth in his 25,000 sermons all over Spain, the Canary Islands, Cuba, Italy and France, and, by his most active life. St. Anthony Mary Claret used to consecrate to the Immaculate Heart of Mary every apostolic enterprise that he originated, and they were so many, every holy association where he presided, and every place he visited. These places were numerous because his apostolic zeal took him all over, faithful to his motto: "The love of Christ presses us."

The Archconfraternity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was spread far and wide personally by him and through his congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart, called also the Claretian Fathers.

St. Anthony Mary Claret as Archbishop of Cuba consecrated that island to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in her national sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity del Cobre.

Fifth: One reason why St. Anthony Mary Claret is the forerunner of Fatima is because Our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother chose him time and again to be the St. Dominic Guzman of the 19th century and of the present day to spread the devotion to the Holy Rosary.

St. Anthony Mary Claret preached in season, out of season, on the Holy Rosary as the best means to enter into the inner sanctuary of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Valued the Scapular

Sixth: St. Anthony Mary Claret is the forerunner of Fatima by the fact of his position in regard to the Scapular of Mt. Carmel. This is confirmed by the Carmelite Order. In their centennial book of the scapular there are ample proofs and documents of St. Anthony Mary Claret's writings pertaining to the Mt. Carmel scapular. No wonder, for he was a Tertiary Carmelite. He began also his congregation of Missionaries on the feast of Mt. Carmel, July 16th, 1849.

Seventh: Our Lady of Sorrows. St. Anthony Mary Claret was a terrific client of the Sorrowful Mother and likewise belonged to the Confraternity of Our Lady of Sorrows. (In those days they could be tertiaries in more than one order.)

When he was in Cuba the enemies of the Church attempted to kill him. He was wounded but was miraculously cured by the Blessed Mother and the wound he received in his wrist was transformed into a beautiful image of Our Lady of Sorrows, visible to all.

Eighth: St. Anthony Mary Claret was visibly assisted by the angels, and protected by them against the enemies of the Church. Fourteen times the Masons in their lodges cast lots to kill him, from whom he was protected, particularly by St. Michael the Archangel. He was likewise transported from place to place by the angels. On one occasion an old priest to whom he owed much in his youth was dying. St. Anthony Mary Claret was able in a few moments to be present with him to give him spiritual comfort, through a heavy snowfall without any trace on the ground. He wrote a beautiful prayer book on the nine choirs of angels which was very popular. I remember in my youth, as a minor seminarian we were divided into nine choirs and used to pray from this book.

Our Lord revealed to him that He made him the seventh angel of the Apocalypse, and I quote from the writings of St. Anthony Mary Claret of his interior life written in obedience to his spiritual director.

Startling Revelation

"And I saw another angel, a strong one, coming down from heaven, clothed in a cloud, and the rainbow was over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire," (Chapter X, Verse 1). – And the rainbow of peace and salvation was the Immaculate Heart (the same Immaculate Heart which afterwards would appear in Fatima) – The way his body is described means that he was the living sanctuary of Our Lord sacramentally present in him.

"And he had in his hand a little scroll set open; and he set his right foot upon the sea but his left upon the earth," – The little scroll means the Holy Bible that he carried with him all the time. – St. Anthony Claret saw one of his feet was on

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Cuba in the sea and the other was on the mainland of Europe.

"And he cried with a loud voice as when a lion roars," (Verse 3). – In his evangelical life by means of his apostolic preaching he was a lion roaring, in spite of all the calumnies, attacks of the devils, and all the enemies of the Church, the plots against his life and the persecutions. He was a lion of superhuman fortitude withstanding all the evil directed against him.

Would Be More

"And when he had cried, the seven thunders spoke out their voices," (Verse 4)' – This means the great apostles to follow in the footsteps of St. Anthony Mary Claret, animated by their intense love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Holy Eucharist.

"And when the seven thunders had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Seal up the things that the seven thunders spoke, and do not write them.'

"And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the earth, lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be delay no longer; but that in the days of the seventh angel, when he begins to sound the trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, as he declared by his servants the prophets." (Verses 5-7) "And they said to me, 'Thou must prophesy again to many nations and peoples and tongues and kings,' (Verse 11). – St. Anthony Mary Claret was the great prophet who announced one century ahead the evils of today, particularly Communism. He spoke before the kings as the royal confessor of Queen Elizabeth of Spain and before the highest authorities of the Church, as prominent Father of the Vatican Council I, before Pius IX and all the Council Fathers. Among them was the Cardinal Joachim Pecci, later on the wonder Pope Leo XIII, and Cardinal Gibbons of Boston.

Ninth: St. Joseph. St. Anthony Mary Claret as Father of Vatican Council I signed a petition with 150 others attending the Council asking the Holy Father to declare St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church. It was two months after the death of St. Anthony Mary Claret that His Holiness Pius IX answered this petition by proclaiming St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church, on December 8, 1870.

Once when St. Anthony Mary Claret was supposed to be assassinated, on the feast of St. Teresa on October 15, 1859, one of those on whom the lot fell to perform the deed, passed by the church of St. Joseph. To mock at the holy place he entered and saw at the altar a young priest saying the Holy Mass with great devotion. When Mass was over he went to talk to this young priest to pervert him, but found him very virtuous and learned. The grace of God touched him, then the assassin-to-be continued his trip to meet St. Anthony Mary Claret. He told him from where he had come and the plot against his life. Our Lord made St. Anthony Mary Claret understand that the intercession of St. Joseph protected him from assassination that day.

Secret of Counteraction

Tenth: St. Anthony Mary Claret as a great prophet foretold Communism and its evils one century ago. Our Lord told him to counteract all these evils by his perfect oneness with the Holy Eucharist, day and night present in him, and the fervent recitation of the Trisagion and that of the Holy Rosary.

Eleventh: His compassion for sinners and his untiring, intense zeal for their salvation. He pleaded with God Almighty to let him remain by the gates of hell until the end of time, to tell everyone: "Stop, Stop! Do not trespass these horrible gates of hell! Do not dare to walk through these gates! Turn back, turn back! Do not go through these gates – Stop! – Turn back! Make your confession! Save your immortal soul." All of his prayers had these three intentions:

What He Prayed For

1) The deliverance of the souls from Purgatory.

2) The perseverance of the just.

3) The conversion of sinners throughout the entire world.

Twelfth: St. Anthony Mary Claret's love for the Holy Father was ever outstanding. As a Father of Vatican Council I he defended so convincingly the infallibility of the Holy Father that on May 31, 1870, before all the Fathers of the Council he said: "I carry the stigmata of Christ in my body and I wish I could shed all my blood to seal this great truth – I believe that the Roman Supreme Pontiff is infallible when speaking *ex cathedra* in the Name of Christ and in the name of Sts. Peter and Paul and in his own name on matters of faith and morals." His sermon was so eloquent and the impression produced on the Council so enormous that the balloting on Infallibility was favorable despite the debate and the opposition that took place, particularly with the French bishops. The Secretary of the Council said: "Truly Archbishop Claret is a Confessor of the Faith."

These twelve reasons make St. Anthony Mary Claret the perfect forerunner of the message of Our Blessed Mother in Fatima. His statue at the right hand of the Blessed Mother in her Basilica at Fatima is in its right place! And it is fitting that the Blue Army of Our Lady, in the centenary year of his death, should adopt him as its special Patron.

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First attempt of Fr. Aloysius to establish his semi-contemplative Claretians in Fatima through the personal help of John Haffert

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Mr. John Haffert
Ave Maria Institute
Washington, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Haffert:

I wish to thank you for publishing my article in Soul Magazine. You have helped to make Saint Anthony Mary Claret better known and loved the world over as the forerunner of Fatima and have brought more devotion to him by making him the Patron of the Blue Army. The Blue Army is your greatest apostolic work, among your many others for Our Blessed Mother, though you are so eminent as an author of spiritual books. This brings me to tell you something important which is to be done this year on the anniversary of the last apparition of the Blessed Mother on October thirteenth. Imagine, dear John, that this is coming from Saint Anthony Mary Claret, the great Patron of the Blue Army. It is coming from one of his sons, under the special inspiration of such a father as he is to me and also to you, John, since you have proclaimed him as the special patron of the greatest of your apostolic and Marian accomplishments.

In the past few years God, in His great Goodness, has been sending many vocations to me. Most of these vocations have a monastic leaning and want to serve God with much prayer and apostolic work as its product. These young men are asking for more than is given in present-day seminaries. At the same time they don't want a completely cloistered life. At present their number is growing and meanwhile I am praying that God will provide a semi-contemplative monastery where they will love and serve Him the best. When I visited Fatima last November it came to me that this might be where it could be founded. With these young men I have been discussing this great possibility, even to the minor details of it, and here I would like to present it to you.

These applicants would like to be called "Claretian Semi-Contemplatives, Clerics of the Blue Army". This could provide a choir to sing at the shrine of the Blessed Mother--sort of a replica or reflection of the Montserrat Gregorian chant of the monks, and of the young choristers of that famous Monastery, who try to emulate

the Angelic Choirs. Fr. Tómas de Manzarraga, C.M.F., the greatest authority in Gregorian Chant in the world, is most willing to help us and even to be a member. I talked this over thoroughly with him when I was in Spain this past November. Father Manzarraga has organized his choristers in Madrid and was a special music tutor to Franco's grandchildren. The best of the clergy in Spain in Gregorian Chant are his pupils. He has a doctorate in Gregorian Chant and studied in France at the great Archabbey of Solesmes and in Paris.

The habit of the monks is to be a dark blue cassock with the same color of sash with tassels. They will wear in choir a rochette which is white and falls below the waist and over which is worn a thin cope, dark blue as the cassock. The monks should use the Chant of the Office of the Blessed Mother. They will follow the Claretian Rule and keep the "C.M.F." since Saint Anthony Mary Claret is the Patron of the Blue Army and the Forerunner of Fatima. But his Rule will be modified to fit a monastic life. Some Portuguese Claretians should be at the head of the monks in their main duties. Every nationality should have admittance to this community, but we want to have the complete trust and understanding of the Portuguese. The Bishop of Leiria and Father General in an amiable way will have perfect control of these monks. Both of them must be of one accord in regard to everyone and everything in this particular monastery that will be the soul of the Blue Army. Dear John, you are the great founder and organizer of the Blue Army. This would be the completion of it. I have been praying and will pray that this comes to a happy issue. But you are the instrument, John. With you we can; without you we cannot.

The aim is to eventually have perpetual adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the large Shrine. They can start with adoration on special feasts, then later on when the monastery becomes better organized, they could have it very often, and finally at all times. I can provide the best of vocations from America for this monastery. I already have several in preparation in case this is founded. The community would be composed of Fathers, Students and Lay Brothers. The Fathers would be for singing the Office at the sanctuary of the Shrine and to carry on the different duties of the Blue Army. The Students should study in one of the seminaries in Fatima. The Lay Brothers should be well-educated for domestic or farm duties. They should know the new methods of cultivation, how to improve the land and use new farm machinery. They could have a vegetable farm owned by the monastery somewhere in Fatima, with orchards and a large field for wheat or other grain. This could help them for their own needs and also they could sell some of their produce for their support, and always have some for charity for the poor. Some of the community could be secretaries to provide help in Blue Army centers, and they could also be advertized in Soul Magazine for their needs.

But we need a monastery. And here we come to you, Mr. Haffert, humbly asking for your help--to supply one of the religious houses in Fatima that are closing down from lack of means. This would be a tremendous asset to Fatima to bring the blessings of God. In case there is no other place available, our Claretian Fathers in Fatima could dispose of their place for us. They are willing to sell, but I don't know their stipulations. I have spoken to the Father Provincial in Lisbon about this project. He likes it and so does Father General. New talks will be necessary. Here again, John, you are needed for these transactions. This is the best crown you can put on the Blessed Mother on the silver anniversary of Her Queenship in Fatima, as the Queen of the Universe.

Along with the monks, we plan to have little "Franciscos and Jacintas". These are boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 14 to sing in the choir. They will all be dressed the same way as the original Francisco and Jacinta. This would complete Fatima and make it unique in the world and most attractive and devout of all the shrines in Europe. Franciscos and Jacintas, carrying on their banners the portraits of the two little future Saints, would become a new devotional and inspirational practice to start a new legion of innocent children going on the footsteps of Francisco and Jacinta: to love the Blessed Mother, to recite the Rosary and to practice the virtues demonstrated by these two children to an heroic degree, particularly in their life of penance and prayer.

Our first procedure is to get permission from the Father General of the Claretians. He will be here in Los Angeles in May when I will speak with him. But first I would like to know your reaction, dear John, and how willing you are for this project, because without you there would be nothing. After this there must be perfect understanding between the Bishop of Leiria and Father General. Thus we should find out how the Bishop of Leiria likes the idea in general, since he is the Ordinary of Fatima and now the spiritual head of the Blue Army instead of Monsignor Colgan. If you are willing, dear John, to help us with this kind of monastery that will be the soul of the Blue Army, it would be so nice if you could introduce it to the Bishop of Leiria, and then to Father General and to the Claretian Provincial in Portugal, whose residence is: Father Alvez, C.M.F.; Colegio Universitário Pio XII; Ave. 28 de Maio; Cidade Universitaria; Lisbon; tele. 76 04 32 y 77 03 91; 76 58 94 y 76 56 51.

Dear John, this has been in my mind for a long time and I have great confidence in coming to you. Help the Blessed Mother of Fatima during this Silver Jubilee of Her Queenship. All the little pains that you might have in organizing this will be crowned by Her with much added glory. If we could start by October 13th this year, no matter how small our start is, we could have the solemn opening of it at that time. Will you request permission from Father General to have me there for the opening of it?

To found a religious community, within earshot of the bells of the Shrine of Fatima, would be the great legacy of the Blue Army to the world. It would add a permanence to the Blue Army that would insure its growth and fervor until the end of time, as the real soul of the Blue Army. The Fathers could carry on the sanctification of souls, as requested by the Blessed Mother, by preaching the message of Fatima. It would be nice too if they could have a retreat house where people from all over the world could come for a place of recollection.

Now may we go to another point that is also very important and dear to me. I have founded a congregation of Sisters called the Daughters of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, a teaching and nursing order. They dress in light blue and wear the White Scapular of the Immaculate Heart visible over their habit. Their approval has been requested since July 10th, 1970. Since there is no hospital or clinic in Fatima, what about your starting one and calling my Sisters to staff it? Do not say no, my dear John. By the way, John, we have a second Claretian Cardinal in Rome, Cardinal Arthur Tabera. He is going to be the head of a new Roman Congregation founded by the present Holy Father, Pope Paul VI. Brother M. Yaroslave Dowbush, who at present is staying at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Holy Trinity in Huntsville, Utah, has written to me and I have explained everything to him about the new Claretian Monks and have asked him to join this group. You should also encourage him to join.

With all my prayers for you to Saint Anthony Mary Claret, so that he may bless you forevermore with all the power of intercession granted to him in Heaven.

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Member of the Blue Army

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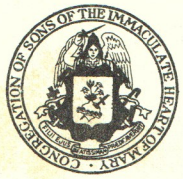

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Fr. José Maria Ellacuria, C.M.F.
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Dear Father José Maria,

I wish you a very happy and holy Easter season. I received my two baptismal records and my two birth certificates in good order. I thank you very much for being so punctual. Now I have the privilege of being under Medicare as a senior citizen of the United States. Exactly today it is forty years since I left Panama for the United States and I arrived the 24th of this month in San Diego and the 25th in Compton. How quickly they have gone. I wish I could go through them all over again.

The purpose of this letter is to be on the lookout to go to the Sondica Airport (Bilbao's Airport) when you receive a telegram from a young man whose name is Lenn Pacaro. He is half Hawaiian mixed with other Oriental races and a bit of Portuguese. He is short in stature and very dark. He knows very little Spanish but you can get along with him in English. He wants to know about our Congregation. Explain all to him, showing him our seminaries and the college in Pamplona. He wants to join our Congregation. And after you meet him I want to know your opinion, dear Brother. I'm glad he is taking this trip because I am not sure of him, how he would like Spain and would adjust to our life. He works for the Airlines and has a very good position. Tell him to be free to ask you any questions about our Congregation. Show him the poverty of our seminaries as they are. And see whether he will be willing to go through them before he is ordained. He is very fond of me and he says he is willing to do anything that I tell him. Present him to the different superiors there, to Father Provincial and the others there, particularly those who know English like Father Villanueva. Go as much as possible out of your way to help him while he is in Cantabria and them give him directions on how to travel through Spain and through other countries in Europe, as he wants to go to France and Rome.

Everything is fine here. I am in much better health than when you saw me in Spain. I am back at work. My heart is in good shape. The doctors don't give me anything for it, just the medicine of a strict diet to lose weight, so that the heart doesn't need to work with extra weight. The prospective foundation in Fatima goes very well. I may get a house there from a rich man. I don't want to go to any more particulars now. But tell Father Thomas de Manzarraga and Father Dominic Jaurrieta to be ready and to ask the Father Provincial that they are willing to come for this foundation that is going to be very important for the Basilica at Fatima. I found my way to win over the Bishop of Leiria through a great friend of his so that our community be, besides Claretian, also attached to the Blue Army of Fatima and be its very soul and working in close association with the Bishop of Leiria, Ordinary of Fatima. Father de Manzarraga must be the teacher of the Gregorian Chant for our students and form the Masa Coral or Orfeon of the Sanctuary, adding the double choir of the children, "Jacinta and Francisco", vested in the attire that these two children wore in their days, over fifty years ago. We need the sanctity of Father Jaurrieta to form our youth well. I already have twelve Americans ready to start at the beginning of September and to have their solemn opening on the 13th of October. I cannot be more explicit now because all depends on Father General, whom I'm going to see in person this coming month. This house in Fatima I wish to be depending directly from Father General, who will work with the Bishop of Leiria in regard to the personnel, their ministry and their possessions. Pray, if it is God's Will, that Father General may say yes. When things be completely settled, it will have Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament day and night. My idea is that once this is well settled we take this to another place that needs a great deal of money before it be in proper condition to shelter our Claretian Community that will move therein to continue the good work begun in Fatima. I have full hope that also this second part is going to take place. Because it is for the greater honor and love of the Blessed Mother and of the Most Blessed Sacrament, through the intercession of our great Patriarch Saint Anthony Mary Claret. The approval of the Sisters is still pending. On the 25th of March I concelebrated Mass at the altar of St. Vibiana's Cathedral for the ordination of the two new Bishops. I was the only religious in that crowded sanctuary. I am most thankful to God for restoring my good standing to me in Los Angeles, on this solemn occasion, attended by all the priests of the Diocese and about fifty Bishops. The Bishop of Guam approached me and told me to encourage our Father General to send to his diocese, whose capital is Agaña, one, two, or three priests and that he will pay for their trip. He said the older people speak Spanish. The younger ones speak English and the lower people speak Chamoro. I wish our Father Provincial from Cantabria gets in touch with him. I am sending you a photo-static copy of the letter he sent to me and you can translate it to Father Provincial. It used to be in the Spanish colony of Las Islas Marianas. Las Islas Marianas are about 12 or 13

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very small islands. Guam is very small, and all are very Catholic. There is a large American base there since World War II. It is almost like having a house in the United States. The Bishop is so good and has as a motto "Caritas Christi urget nos". Father Provincial can write to him in Spanish, because he speaks Spanish as well as any of us. Possibly Cantabria has taken some mission in Bolivia, but this one would take only two or three to start and he will give them a parish. The climate is a little warm but the scenery there is most beautiful and tropical. This archipelago was discovered by our Spanish explorers and dedicated to the Blessed Mother, calling them "Las Islas Marianas". If Father Provincial accepts this for the Province, he will find no problems in these islands. And also, we will have missions in South America (Bolivia) and missions in the Orient (that of Guam). And it will be very uplifting for the Province in promoting a missionary spirit. Those who would like to learn English for the missions and those who wish to go to South America, their Spanish will be enough. Besides, this mission could eventually act as a stepping stone to the other islands of the Archipelago of the Marianas. Take all your interest in this to Father Provincial. Enclosed is the photo-static copy of the letter from this good Bishop, whom I would like to answer favorably.

I am sending you with this letter three sets of Gregorian Masses, each set with a stipend of US$60.00. Enclosed please find a check for $180.00 for three sets of Gregorian Masses. Also there is a check for $329.00 for 329 Masses (one dollar each Mass). $50.00 is for Father Zabaleta for the needs of his class in Euzkera. Extend my best regards to everyone in the family.

In Corde Matris,

Three sets of Gregorian Masses:		For Fr. Patxi Zabaleta, C.M.F., $50.00
Ad intentionem dantis	$60.00	
Edmund George Smith	$60.00	
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Ave Cor Mariae
Immaculatum

My Dear Children in the Blessed Mother of Fatima and the Most Holy Eucharist,

On the 24th of this month of May, I interviewed the Most Reverend Father Anthony Leghisa, C.M.F., the Superior General of our Claretian congregation. After his examining most carefully all my petitions, he was most paternal and most generous in granting every petition.

Now we all must consider and believe that this is the work of God, because we have the full approval of the supreme authority of the Claretian Fathers. Our Most reverend Father General is going to be in Fatima in the Month of October as well as Mr. John Haffert and I. There we will discuss and settle all about your future home and monastery by the grounds of the Cova da Iria where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917.

It gives me an untold and I might say eternal joy, this approval from our Father General. It also awakens in me such an immense gratitude to God in the person of my Most Reverend Father General. All the prayers that we said for Father General have been answered most favorably. I see him enlightened in the most charismatic way by the Holy Spirit. True light illumines his mind and true fortitude strengthens his will. My dear children, from now on and forevermore, your aim in life is to rub shoulders with our own holy father, Saint Anthony Mary Claret on the holy grounds of Fatima in his perpetual, perennial adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and in his matchless love for the Blessed Mother as her best forerunner and precursor of her message in Fatima in its full dimensions. My dear children, I congratulate you with all my heart for your loftiest vocation, at the same time to be Claretians and the chaplains of our Blessed Mother in Fatima and the soul of the Blue Army with its 20 million members.

Each one of you, my dear children, aim high for your entire life, as high as you can in your love for the most Holy Eucharist and in your love for the Immaculate Heart of Mary who shows her heart surrounded with thorns. Let each one of you be angels of consolation to her and she will prepare you to be seraphs in human flesh for the Blessed Sacrament and all that appertains to It by adoring Him by day and by night when it be solemnly exposed in the Basilica of Fatima. Hold on to your lofty vocation and your reward will be exceedingly great. Your achievements will be my own supreme achievement in life and one of my greatest consolations in heaven. Let us increase each moment our love for Saint Anthony Mary Claret, for the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother and the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

Praise, adoration, love and thanksgiving be every moment given to the Most Holy Eucharist, surrounded by the Blessed Mother and all the angels and saints.

Each one of you be a seraph of love for the Holy Eucharist, a perfect son of our Blessed Mother, and a perfect reflection of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, and tireless captains of the Blue Army and most devoted royal chaplains for our Blessed Mother of Fatima, Queen of the Universe.

This is your holy vocation. This is your glorious call.

Paternally yours in Corde Matris

Fr. Alexius Villacura
C.M.F.

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In Reply Please Refer To:

May 28, 1971

Most Rev. Father Anthony Leghisa, C.M.F.
Superior General
Los Angeles

Most Reverend Father General:

Here I come most humbly to express to Your Reverence, in person, the possibility of a project which I explained, as I was passing through Lisbon last November, to Very Reverend Fr. Juan de Freitas Alves, C.M.F., the incumbent Provincial of the Provincia Portuguesa. First and uppermost, I told Very Reverend Fr. de Freitas Alves to relate to Your Reverence, dear Father General, and even to make his very own, the possibilities of establishing Perpetual Adoration in Fatima as a tribute on the Centennial of the death of Saint Anthony Mary Claret who was the living monstrance of the Most Blessed Sacrament. He was very cordial and liked the ideas I proposed to him which were repeated again in a letter to him on March 23rd. Here is an excerpt from that letter, with those ideas:

"I told you then (in November), dear Fr. Provincial, about my great and most eager desire to have in Fatima a Claretian Community that would have Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, but also would have a retreat house for any Claretians from any part of the world and also for priests and religious visiting Fatima. I have written to Mr. John Haffert, the founder of the Blue Army, asking him to help us in this possible project and, in case everything goes well, to make it a part of the Blue Army so that the Claretians, since Saint Anthony Mary Claret is the patron saint of the Blue Army, could be the chaplains of the Blue Army with our Founder as their spiritual leader."

The Very Reverend Father Provincial Alves answered favorably. Here is a quote from his letter of April 22, 1971:

"Se que el Rvmo. Padre General visita ahora USA. Podrá U. hablar con el sobre el caso de Fatima. De nuestra parte, confirmamos las varias posibilidades. Vamos a comenzar el Noviciado este año, pero tenemos solo 14 novicios, quando la Casa tiene capacidad para 50 y mas.

"El Obispo de Leiria es muy nuestro amigo. Y con el Ejercito Azul mantenemos relaciones muy buenas."

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Mr. John Haffert, in his answer to a letter I wrote to him on March 9th, writes:

"I was certainly interested in your wonderful letter. I will do what I can to help with your project." Mr. Haffert wants to see me in person as he says in the same letter: "..this is a matter of such great importance that we should discuss it in person."

This year, Very Rev. Father General, is the Golden Jubilee of my Religious Profession. I request from Your Reverence permission to go to Fatima during the month of October to see the Very Reverend Father Provincial and Mr. John Haffert, who is going to be there during that month, and then bring to Your Reverence, and to your General Government, the propositions of our Portuguese Provincial Government, helped by Mr. John Haffert and possibly by other benefactors who already have promised financial help.

The Very Rev. Fr. Provincial Juan de Freitas Alves stated last November, and also in his letter of April 22nd, his willingness to accept into our Claretian Novitiate in Fatima a group of American young men that I have been training to enter our Congregation in Portugal and to remain there unconditionally. There will be over ten of them for students and about five for lay brothers. I will see to it that they are properly qualified, that their documents are complete, and that every requisite to leave their families and country be properly filled, making sure this way that there is no hindrance on any side, neither from parents nor government, to their following their vocation.

Thanking Your Reverence for your extreme graciousness to my proposals. And with my deepest gratitude to Your Reverence for your tremendous help with your charism of discernment of spirits, with which the Holy Spirit has endowed Your Reverence so profusely for the proper and sure guidance of our beloved Congregations May this pastoral visit of yours to our Province be one that will make real history in the annals of our Claretian institute.

Most Filially in Corde Matris,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria CMF.

Father Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

La doy mi permiso con mucho gusto Fr. Antonio Leptisa cmf
Fr. Gral

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TRADUCCION AL ESPAÑOL

(La copia original en inglés está hecha en papel oficial de la "Provincial Office" de los "Claretian Missionaries" de Los Angeles, California. Fechada: el 28 de mayo del 1971. El P.General estaba en ese momento en visita a Los Angeles, quedando en la Casa Provincial).

Al Rev.mo P. Antonio Leghisa, cmf.
Superior General
Los Angeles

28 de mayo del 1971

Rev.mo Padre General:

Vengo humildemente a expresar a Su Reverencia, en persona, la posibilidad de un proyecto que expuse, cuando pasé por Lisboa en noviembre del 1970, al Muy Rev. P. João de Freitas Alves, cmf., actual provincial de la Provincia Portuguesa. Primero y ante todo, pedí al Rev.P.de Freitas Alves explicar a Su Reverencia, querido Padre General, y hasta hacer las suyas propias,las posibilidades de establecer la Adoración Perpetua en Fátima como tributo en el centenario de la muerte de San Antonio María Claret quien fue la custodia viviente del Smo.Sacramento. El Padre Provincial fue muy cordial y le gustaron las ideas que le propuse, las cuales repetí otra vez en carta a él del 23 de marzo, 1971. Sigue un extracto de la misma, con esas ideas:

"Le dije entonces (en noviembre), querido Padre Provincial, acerca de mi grande e ilusionado deseo de tener en Fátima una comunidad claretiana que tendría la Adoración Perpetua del Smo.Sacramento, pero que también tendría una casa de retiro a disposición de todo claretiano desde cualquier parte del mundo y también para sacerdotes y religiosos que visitan el santuario de Fatima. He escrito al Sr.John Haffert, el fundador del Ejército Azul, pidiéndole su ayuda en este posible proyecto y, en el caso de que todo saliera bien, de hacerlo parte del Ejército Azul para que los Claretianos, ya que San Antonio María Claret es santo patrón del Ejército Azul, pudieran ser capellanes del Ejército Azul con nuestro Fundador como guía espiritual

El Rev.Padre Provincial Alves contestó favorablemente. Sigue una cita de su carta del 22 de abril del 1971:

"Sé que el Rvmo.Padre General visita ahora USA. Podrá U. hablar con él sobre el caso de Fátima. De nuestra parte, confirmamos las varias posibilidades. Vamos a comenzar el Noviciado este año, pero tenemos sólo 14 novicios, cuando la Casa tiene capacidad para 50 y más.

"El Obispo de Leiria es muy nuestro amigo. Y con el Ejército Azul mantenemos relaciones muy buenas."

El Sr.John Haffert, en su respuesta a una carta que le escribí el 9 de marzo, escribe:

"He tenido mucho interés en su maravillosa carta. Haré lo posible para ayudar su proyecto." El Señor Haffert quiere hablar conmigo en persona ya que dice en la misma carta: "Es asunto de tanta importancia que tendremos que considerarlo en persona."

(Traducción al español de la carta fechada 28 mayo 1971)

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Su Reverencia y a Su Gobierno General las proposiciones del Gobierno Provincial Portuguesa, ayudado por el Sr.John Haffert y posiblemente por otros bienhechores quienes han prometido ayuda financiera ya.

El Rev.P.Provincial, João de Freitas Alves, expresó en noviembre y también en su carta del 22 de abril su disposición de aceptar en el Noviciado Claretiano de Fátima un grupo de jóvenes norteamericanos que he estado preparando para ingresar en nuestra Congregación en Portugal y quedar allí incondicionalmente. Habrá más de diez en plan de estudiantes y unos cinco para hermanos coadjutores. Me aseguraré de su aptitud para la vida religiosa, que sus documentos sean completos, y de los requisitos para trasladarse a Portugal, así que no haya impedimentos de cualquier lado-- ni de sus padres ni de los gobiernos responsables-- a que ellos sigan su vocación.

Agradeciendo a Su Reverencia su extrema amabilidad para con mis proposiciones. Y con la más profunda gratitud a Su Reverencia por su ayuda enorme a través de su carisma de discernimiento de espíritus, del cual el Espíritu Santo le ha dotado a Su Reverencia tan extraordinariamente para la guía recta y segura de nuestra amadísima Congregación. Que su visita pastoral a nuestra Provincia haga verdadera historia en la crónica de nuestra Congregación.

P. Aloysius Ellacuria, cmf. (firma)

(escrito abajo:) "Le doy mi permiso
con mucho gusto.
P.Antonio Leghisa, cmf.
Sup.Gral.
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BILBAO, (3) 19 Junio 1971

Rdo. P. Luis Ellacuría C.M.F.
Los Angeles

Muy apreciado Padre Luis:

Me perdonará no haber contestado antes a su carta. Pero la temporada de Visita Provincial, y la época de cambios de Gobiernos Locales, ya adivinará que no son nada agradables para un Superior Mayor, y que le absorben el tiempo y el humor, y llenan de preocupaciones.

Perdóneme de todos modos. He aguardado para poder darle contestación más cumplida a todos los puntos que me expone. Y ante todo, quiero agradecerle el interés con que fraternalmente piensa en nuestra Provincia de Cantabria. Siga rogando para que el Señor nos ilumine. No son tiempos fáciles.

Contesto por orden a sus proposiciones.

1ª) Los posibles postulantes Carpenter y Pacaro. Presentada la propuesta al Consejo Provincial, no se juzga conveniente que vengan definitivamente a integrarse en la Provincia. ¿Se integrarían? ¿Se amoldarían totalmente al modo de ser de estas tierras? ¿Vendrían con carácter definitivo, como Postulantes de Cantabria? Habría que estudiar, no obstante, la condición en que podrían venir: ¿un año de estancia, como de prepostulantado, sin compromiso para nadie? ¿Encontrarían en la Residencia Larraona el clima claretiano-religioso que pudieran esperar o necesitar? Son interrogantes que quedan en el aire. Los conocimientos lingüísticos de Carpentier no solucionarían el problema de la Residencia -Escuela de Idiomas-, ya que se necesitan profesores "titulados". No es nuestra intención cerrar las puertas a ambos candidatos. Podrían venir, en plan de experiencia, y con sus máquinas y coches; para concretar condiciones, habrían de ponerse al habla previamente con el P. Víctor Guerendiain, Superior del Colegio-Residencia.

2ª) Monasterio Claretiano en Fátima. No tengo inconveniente en que V.R. escriba a los PP. Manzárraga y Jaurrieta proponiéndoles la idea. Para no herir suspicacias no me atrevo a proponérsela yo directamente; pero si la aceptaran como un posible y amplio campo de hermoso apostolado, no opondría yo ningún reparo, máxime si me constara que ellos iban con toda su ilusión.

3ª) Beire. Para posible postulantado-enfermería no cuenta hoy con casi ningún partidario en la Provincia. El Capítulo Provincial designó Aldapa como futura enfermería; se precisarían reformas "a radice", y algún millonceio. Está en estudio la cosa. Me preocupa, francamente, el porvenir de tantos misioneros que han trabajado incansablemente por la Congregación, y que merecen una jubilación tranquila y confortable. Salvatierra, nadie ha pensado en venderla. Al contrario; hoy tenemos un problema difícil. Los postulantes no van a caber el año próximo. 1º y 2º cursos quedarán en Valmaseda. 3º y 4º llenarán de sobras Salvatierra. Hay que buscar acomodo, sin descuidar el aspecto académico, para los de 5º, 6º y 7º, unos 30. Estamos mirando por Vitoria, pero van fallando las posibles soluciones. Como no tenemos profesorado suficiente para estos tres cursos, hay que ubicarlos donde puedan asistir a algún Instituto o Seminario Conciliar; ahí radica el problema.

July 21, 1971

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Dearest Father,

I thank our Loving Lord and His Blessed Mother with you for our continued good fortune and for Their predilection toward our Order. We can only attempt, with God's help and yours, to sanctify ourselves as wholeheartedly as possible that we may be more worthy of these great graces.

I have a few suggestions regarding the Order which I felt best not to bother the whole group with at the meeting, as I would rather present them to you first for your criticism.

To start with, I feel that we should begin our work of Perpetual Adoration as soon as we are settled at the old Claretian House in Fatima. Since one of the primary purposes of Novitiate is to introduce the novice to the various characteristics of the religious community he is planning to join, a House centered around Perpetual Adoration should likewise have its Novitiate so centered.

Secondly, Father, you mustn't be afraid of being too strict in establishing the rules and disciplines for this new Order. Granted, we should travel the middle road, but since human nature tends to pull us back into laxity, we must compensate for it by setting our standards just a bit higher than we think we can reach. Thus, in our spiritual climb we never stop to enjoy the view, but persevere in our climbing, with our eyes ever fixed on the summit.

In light of this I feel that we should be as monastic as we can, since, to my mind, monasticism is the ideal framework for the semi-contemplative life. It is the only form of religious observance which accomodates both those inclined to the active life and those inclined to the contemplative life, as well as those in between. I don't think we need be as rigorous as the Trappists, but I do feel we should adopt the ideal of Evangelical perfection, which the Benedictines unfortunately have abandoned.

I talked with Dr. Moore today, and he wants you to lease the House instead of buying it. The reason for this is that something went wrong with his business deal so that we will not be getting any money for a while, and when it does come it will come slowly. The amount we will be getting will be in the <u>millions</u> of dollars; but it will be given to us gradually. He also said that has promised to build us a monastery,

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and that he will keep that promise, but as far as convents and other foundations go, the outlook is very doubtful. He wants to do just one thing, and do it right. All this means is that we might be staying in the old Claretian House a year or two longer than we expected. The money is still coming, so don't get discouraged. When the Lord shows us His Hand, we should expect to see both sides. "Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum..."

A few other random suggestions:

It seems most appropriate that we recite the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin in choir. Every other monastery in the world is using the Common Office, and the Little Office of the B.V.M. has all but been forgotten. Perhaps this is another holy tradition our Order can keep alive.

Regarding the habit, I have a few observations which I feel qualified to make. As you know, I was with the Benedictines for two years. The first year we were in cassocks and the second year we were invested in the habit. I found that I much preferred wearing the habit as House dress than just a cassock. The habit is a constant reminder of our consecration to God, and in our case, to the Blessed Mother as well. Though it may seem a minor thing to some, to me it was a great aid to continual recollection and made me always aware of the gift of my vocation. For this, as well as many other reasons based on practical experience, I suggest we follow the wisdom of Saint Benedict in this regard; and that is, to have the monks clothed in their "robes of salvation" at all times (except in work, recreation, and sleep of course).

How does December 8th sound to you as an investiture date? If we leave in October we should be well settled materially and spiritually by that time.

Lastly, I would like to point out that a good monastery should be not only financially self-sufficient, but educationally so as well. Perhaps you know some priests who are qualified to teach who might be interested in our foundation. You can easily see the advantages of training our young monks right in our own monastery, and according to our ideals. This would obviously take years to accomplish, but it is something we should be thinking and praying about now.

Your loving son,
Joe Langford

P.S. We just heard you were in the hospital! Be assured of our prayers

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San Sebastian 24 de agosto del 1971
Rdo P. Luis Ellacuria c.m.f.

Muy quer ido padre :

Hace unos dias recibi carta del P.General en la que me decia habia pensado en mi para uno de sus por - yectos en Portugal .me interesa saber algo de ello que se va a hacer allí y si esos jóvenes saben el castellano. pues si no saben no podriamos entedernos y tendria que pensar en otro. Si lo saben yo encantado de ir para alli, junto a la virgen de Fatima.

Y nad a mas en espera de la suya affte. su s.s.

Domingo Jauniete cmf

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IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO:

26 August 1971

Dear Rev. Father O'Connor:

Respectfully requested is approval of the following prayer which I have composed in appreciation of the Golden Jubilee of my religious profession as a Claretian Missionary; August 15,1921 - 1971:

PERFECT COMMITMENT TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Hail, Mary; Virgin, Mother and Queen,
I consecrate myself thoroughly to thy Immaculate Heart.
For the honor and glory of thy purity, charity and power,
I offer thee my soul and body, my faculties and senses,
All that I am, all that I have.
I plead the perennial intercession
Of thy spiritual presence
To free me from all evil and to be always open
To every inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God and my Mother,
Behold thy loving child.
Now and forevermore, I place my complete confidence
In thy Immaculate Heart,
And I shall never be confounded, Amen.

I would like to include this prayer as part of my Christmas greeting to our many friends and shall appreciate whatever you can do to expedite its approval.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

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13 Septiembre 1971

Seminaristas Españoles de María
Casa de Ntra Sra de Fátima
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Portugal

Mis amados seminaristas, futuros Sacerdotes de María,

Recibí su hermosa carta, firmada por Jaime Vilarlta Berbel, el 6 de Abril. Me dio mucho gusto recibir su carta. Ahora voy a decirles que estare en Fátima este próximo Octubre, el día 11, y les visitaré y, si me permiten Ustedes, quiero comunicarme con Ustedes, cada vez con mas intimidad. Tengo una cosa muy importante, y vital, que decirles. No puedo ahora. Ni tampoco tal vez lo haga en mi primera entrevista. Mi ofrecimiento puede ser de sumo agrado para Ustedes, porque como Jaime me dice, son Ustedes "Marianos cien por cien, y dedicados ante todo a extender y propagar, a los 4 vientos de todo el mundo, los mensajes que Nuestra Señora vino a darnos en Fátima y que esta continuamente dando en muchas partes del mundo a través de algunas almas."

Les veré en su casa antes del día 13 del próximo Octubre.

Encomienden mucho en sus oraciones mi proyecto que traigo a Fátima. Ustedes verán los jovenes Americanos que me acompañaran a Fátima.

Su servidor in Corde Matris,

D. Olegario Ellacuria
CMF

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Sons of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Semi-Contemplatives of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament

Claretian Missionaries, C.M.F.

Fatima, Portugal

THE FOUR-FOLD AIM OF THIS CLARETIAN FOUNDATION

I) Perpetual Adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament

1. As a perennial thanksgiving to God for having made Saint Anthony Mary Claret a living tabernacle of the Most Holy Eucharist. ("When I was praying in the Church of the Rosary, in La Granja, on the 26th of August, at 7 o'clock in the evening, Our Lord granted me the great grace of retaining the sacramental species. Day and night I have the Most Holy Sacrament in my breast. For this reason, I must always be recollected and devoted to Him Who abides so intimately within me. Moreover, I must pray and fight the evils gaining prevalence in Spain, as Our Lord has told me. To this end, He has brought to my memory many important things, all without merit on my part, without talent of mine, and without respect of persons. God has raised me from the lowest class of people to the most elevated position, first to the side of earthly kings, and now to the side of the King of Heaven. Glorificate et portate Deum in corpore vestro, I.Cor.6;20" --Autobiography, Chapter XVIII, of Part III)

2. Praying for the sanctification and thorough prosperity of our Congregation of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Virgin Mary.

3. As an atonement and reparation for all the spiritual deficiencies of our Congregation.

4. To counteract all the moral evils of the present-day in the world, as mentioned following in Section III.

II) Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, the main Patroness of our Claretian Congregation, praying incessantly, and above all, for the increase of filial love in all Claretians towards Her; and that our thorough filial consecration to Her be the best means after God and in God for our Sacred Ministry in the salvation of all souls of the entire world.

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III) Prayer. ("In the Church of the Rosary, in La Granja, near Segovia, on August 27th, during Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, which I gave after Mass, Our Lord enlightened me in regard to the three evils menacing Spain, which are: Protestantism--or rather the decrease of the Catholic spirit--the Republic, and Communism. In order to counteract these evils, Our Savior made me understand that three devotions had to be intensified, namely, the Trisagion Ss Trinitatis, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and devotion to the Holy Rosary. The Trisagion is to be said daily. As for the devotions to the Blessed Sacrament, Mass must be heard and Holy Communion received, sacramentally and spiritually. The three parts of the Rosary should be said every day, or at least one part, while meditating on the mysteries for each decade, and applying the prayers to the needs of the times." --Autobiography, Chapter XVIII, of Part III)

1. The Trisagion. "The Trisagion is to be said daily." (Autobiography, Part III, Chapter XVIII). The semi-contemplative Claretians will say it every day at 4:30 p.m., imitating our Holy Father Founder, who used to recite it at this time every afternoon.)

2. Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. This is the primary aim of the Claretian semi-contemplatives, by their having Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. (Number 4 of Section I of this Charter fulfills fully this recommendation of Our Divine Savior to Our Holy Father Founder.)

3. Devotion to the Holy Rosary. The Claretian semi-contemplatives shall recite the three parts of the Holy Rosary every day.
4. Daily Via Crucis and Via Matris.
5. The daily chanting of the Little Office of the Blessed Mother to fulfill the desires of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, who wanted the Novices, and even the students during their vacations, to recite the Little Office for vocations to our Congregation.

IV) Mortification as a means for abundant fruit in the Apostolic Ministry of our Claretian Missionaries. ("On September 4, 1859, at 4:25 a.m., Jesus Christ said to me: 'You have to teach your Missionaries mortification in eating and drinking, Anthony.' And a few minutes later the Blessed Mother added: 'Thus they will reap fruit in souls, Anthony.'" --Autobiography, Part II, Chapter XXV, On Mortification)

1. By the perfect observance of our Holy Constitutions, omni cura possibili (with all possible care).

2. By the exact keeping of the timetable of our semi-contemplative community.

3. By refraining from any worldly amusement, particularly no television set within the limits of the community house and grounds.

4. By bodily penance: bodily scourging is recommended upon awakening in the morning and upon retiring at night. And other

means of mortification as practiced by Saint Anthony Mary Claret.

5. By obligatory work for all the semi-contemplatives, from the superior to the last in the community.

Fr. Glorius Villaeuria, CMF.

September 21, 1971
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Rvmo. Pe. L. Ellacuria, cmf.

Na posse da sua correspondência de 18 e 23 de Setembro, com o curriculum de 10 postulantes e a sua declaração manuscrita pedindo ingresso no Noviciado de Fátima, venho informar que tudo foi ponderado num Conselho Provincial, ontem reunido (28).

Lamento que a nossa atitude o tenha desgostado, mas a culpa não é nossa. Declarámos a VR. que tínhamos todas as hipóteses para estudo. Mas não havia decisões. Ora VR. criou uma situação de facto, antes de chegarmos a acordo.

A nossa Casa de Fátima estava pronta para receber uns seis americanos. Os 20 que falara anteriormente seriam incompatíveis. Como VR. mostra agora o problema grave com relação a DEZ POSTULANTES, e promete estar com eles enquanto fornecessário (Até Janeiro/72 pelo menos), e depois de analisarmos os informes e tendo em nosso poder a declaração dos interessados, APROVAMOS A VINDA DOS DEZ já em Outubro, juntamente com V. R.

Nenhum outro compromisso temos para outros casos. Em Fátima poderemos estudar novos aspectos da Obra e, feito um contrato bilateral bem esclarecido, poderemos então avançar.

Mando cópia da autorização que hoje mesmo remeto à Polícia Internacional.

Fátima está avisada para os receber no dia 10.X.71. Se houver alteração, agradecemos aviso.

Desejo-lhe boa saúde e feliz viagem, até esta sua e nossa Provincia Claretiana de Portugal.

Aº seu serviço, mto. at.to in Corde Opt. Matris,

João de F. Alves cmf.

P. João de Freitas Alves, cmf.
sup. prov.

29.IX.71

September 8, 1971

Rev. Father Aloysius Ellacuria, cmf
Los Angeles, California, USA

Dear Father:

Fraternal regards in Mary's Heart.

I thank you for your letter of August 4, that I received through Joseph. In the meantime, I received also your letter of August 26 together with the bank-note of US $ 10,000.00. My thanks for everything.

I can say that I was favorably impressed the 3 aspirants. Our brothers of Fatima were favorably impressed too. We only took care of them as b brothers of our brothers.

1) Regarding the ground of Fatima it appears that is not possible to buy that piece you mention. The owner told me during the Congress of Fatima that she will not sell it. Nevertheless I have the money to negotiate whatever you want when you come.

2) When I spoke in Rome with our Rev. General Father, in August last, he did not tell me anything about this matter. He had not even promise to come to Portugal during this year.

3) I pray to God bless you in the search, formation and conservation of contemplative vocations; the charism of Eucaristic Heart of Mary Claret will win if we had some of us exclusively devoted to that Mission in full time. I would also like to have some of those people in our Province.

4) We have studied your folder (Prov. Council of July 30, 71). We are open to cooperate, but it is necessary to define the juridical basis of the agreement. All men are mortal, Father, and changeable in the Goverment; thus we must speak of everything, to think it very well over, to write the essential, to clear and assure the future.

Two hypothesis : one, the young men come to our Province under your responsability and we sell or rent the house (totally or partially) and we remain marginal to your mission. Another one, the candidates ask to join this Province and we study case by case and atfer we make an agreement with everyone. Nobody comes without licence.

It is understood that we will not sell "Casa de Fatima" to nobody (person or entity) no-claretians. The best would be to sell it to the Congregation through you under the authorisation of the General Government.

5) ~~Examining~~ I advance these more urgent points:

a - I think it will be precipitate to bring many young men before negotiating locally the terms, purposes, rights and duties;

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b - It would be advisable to have in the Noviciate a teacher of English language, as we do not have anyone.

c - We do not desire to place coming from our Provinces without the previous authorisation of your Superiors. You understand.

d) As free postulants we have admitted Joseph Ford and Charles Charpenter. They can stay forever in our Provinces as per terms studied with them on August 22, 71.

I hope to hear from you,.....

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PROVÍNCIA PORTUGUESA
DOS
MISSIONÁRIOS DO CORAÇÃO DE MARIA
(CLARETIANOS)

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Rv. Padre Aloysius Ellacuria, cmf.
Los Angeles, California, USA.

Caro Padre:

Fraternos saludos in Corde Matris.

Tengo para agradecerle su estimada de 4.Agosto que Joseph me presentó. Luego, he recibido la carta de 26.Agosto y además la nota bancaria de $ 10.000.oo. Gracias por todo.

Le puedo decir que los três aspirantes han dejado en mi y en todos nos nuestros de Fátima y Lisboa las mejores impressiones. Los tratámos como a hermanos de nuestro hermano, nada más.

1) Sobre el terreno de Fátima, no consta que se pueda comprar el trozo que U. indica. En el Congresso de Fátima, precisamente, me decía la propietária que no vendia. De todos modos, tengo el dinero para negociar lo que sea, quando U. venga.

2) Hablando con el Rvmo. Padre General, en Roma, yá en Agosto, nada me dijo sobre el tema. Tampoco prometia venir a Portugal este año.

3) Pido a Diós se le bendiga en la procura, formación, conservación de vocaciones contemplativas: el carisma eucaristico-cordinariano de Claret mucho ganaria si tuviéramos dedicados a eso exclusivamente algunos por lo menos, full time! También en nuestra Provincia me gostaria tenerlos.

4) Hemos estudiado (Cons. Prov. de 30.VIII.71) su dossier. Estamos abiertos a la colaboración, pero urge definir mejor las bases juridicas del contrato. Todos somos mortales, Padre, y nel gobierno mutables; anl que hemos de hablar de todo, pensarlo bien, escribir el essencial, clarificar y garantizar el porvenir.

Dos hipótesis: una, los jóvenes vienen a nuestra Provincia sobre la responsabilidade de su Rev., nosotros vendemos o alquilamos la Casa (total o bien parcial), nos quedamos marginales a la Obra de U.. Otra, los candidatos piden ingreso en esta Provincia, nosotros estudiamos caso por caso, hacemos contrato con cada uno. Nadie viene sin permiso.

Queda claro que no vendremos la Casa de Fatima a nadie (persona o entidad) no-claretiano. Lo mejor seria venderscla a la Congregación, en su persona, previa autorización del Gobierno General.

5) Adelando estos aspectos más urgentes:

a - Me parece imprudente traer muchos, antes de contratar in loco las condiciones, finalidades, derechos, deberes;

b - seria oportuno poner en Noviciado un Maestro de lengua inglesa, que nosotros no tenemos;

c - no queremos ninguno salido de nuestras Provincias, sin el V.B. de sus superiores. U.comprende.

d - como postuñantes libres, querendo quedarse en nuestra Provincia per siempre, según condiciones estudiadas con ellos el 22.8.71 en Fatima, están admitidos Joseph Ford y Charles Carpenter.

Esperando sus noticias, me quedo hermano dedicado in C. M.

P. José de F. Alves

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CONGREGAZIONE DEI MISSIONARI
FIGLI DELL'IMM. CUORE DI MARIA
(Clarettiani)

IL SUPERIORE GENERALE

VIA SACRO CUORE DI MARIA, 5 - TEL. 87-81-89
00197 ROMA

Roma, 3 Octubre 1971

Rdo.P. Aloysius Ellacuria cmf.
Los Angeles

Muy recordado Padre:

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Padre, yo no me opongo a sus proyectos. Ya se lo dije de palabra. Lo que prefiero es que se entienda directamente con el P.Provincial de Lisboa. Y cuando tengamos que intervenir nosotros, lo haremos con la mayor comprensión. Ya compren de que habría derechos de terceras partes que guardar, y por lo mismo es mejor qu se pongan de acuerdo con el P,Provincial. Por otra parte ya veo que algo de concr to está surgiendo.

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Lo de la Armada Azul me está agradando. A ver si se afianza el claretianism en esa obra.

Gracias por su colaboración en el bien. Que el Señor le ayude siempre.

En unión de oraciones, affmo. in C.M.

P. Antonio Leghisa cm

Rome, October 3, 1971

My dear Father:

I Have received your letter of September 13 I did not answered before as I had been in Yuguslavia for the new foundation, that is now a reality.
If you could see how beautiful everything is there. In the Church (of the diocese) we have Mary's Heart, and every family had it at home much before the begining of the devotion in the Latin World.

Father, I am not against your projects, as I told you before and personally. But I would prefer you deal it directly with the Provincial of Lisbon. And when we must interfere we will do it with the greatest understanding. You understand that there are rights of third parts to care for and by this reason it will be better you resolve it in accordance with the P. Provincial. In the other side, I see that something real is appearing.

Contrarily to my plans, I can not go to Lisbon on that date, as I have been invited to several Claretian's happenings in India, Trieste and Fatima. By several reasons, I was obliged to choose Trieste: it is the inauguration of the new "Bell Tower" and I cannot miss it. Why do not you come to Rome and let me know what you negotiate? Doing that it shall be before November 1, as I will be absent after this date. I think Father Jaurrieta is at your disposal. Father Freitas told that it would be useful a priest knowing the English language. Quid faciendum?

I am glad with the "Blue Army". We will see if the Claretianism grows in this mission.

My thanks for your cooperation. May God help you forever,

Praying together,.....

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P. Antonio Leguisa cm

1) Que motivos levou estes jovens a deixar os Estados Unidos para vir a Fátima?

These young men wish to become Claretians and be the first members of the prospective project of Perpetual Adoration in Fátima as explained in the attached sheet concerning the four-fold aim of this project. A copy of this paper on the four-fold aim of the project has been submitted to Fr. João de Freitas Alves, C.M.F.

Que planos têm para o Futuro?

First of all, and above all, our group wishes to be Claretian 100%. When Father General, Anthony Leghisa, C.M.F., before putting his signature on my petition of approval of the Claretians of Perpetual Adoration, asked me, "Do you want them to be a separate congregation from the Claretians?" I readily answered, "No, Fr. General, I want them to be Claretians, and only Claretians, but Claretians at their best, by living fully the spirit of Saint Anthony Mary Claret and by putting into practice, omni cura possibili, with all possible care, our Holy Constitutions and every holy tradition of the Congregation, which have been, sad to say, progressively either neglected or entirely forgotten.

The Most Reverend Fr. General stated that he likes this idea of Perpetual Adoration, but at the same time he respects the Provincials in each Province, in this case our Provincial in Portugal. He suggested that I should confer with the incumbent Portuguese Provincial, Fr. João de Freitas Alves, C.M.F., and see what we might arrange in regard to our plans for the future; and these plans, once agreed upon as a bilateral contract, be submitted to Fr. General for his final permission.

Let it be clear to all that we wish to be a part of this Portuguese Province, and therefore, submitted to the authority of the Portuguese Provincial, but with certain autonomy because of our semi-contemplative way of life of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We request that this autonomy be consistent and perpetual, and that the agreements made now between Fr. João de Freitas Alves, C.M.F., and Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F., be respected by every forthcoming Portuguese Provincial along the years.

As we say in English, "Beggars are not choosers." But first, it is my wish that these Claretians of Perpetual Adoration may have eventually in Fátima their own house and grounds, built at no expense to the Province, with money coming from outside of Portugal. I like to purchase immediately the grounds for this building since prices are constantly going up in Fátima, more than anywhere else in the world. As stated, these grounds will be purchased by donations given to me by Claretian benefactors in the United States. Second, that their superior should be elected secretly by all the members of the group with a majority of votes (at least by 2/3), and either confirmed or rejected by the Provincial Superior and his government. But if the election is rejected by Fr. Provincial and his government, Fr. General should be completely informed both by the Provincial and his government, and by each member of the Claretians of Perpetual Adoration, and let the Fr. General decide.

Very Reverend Fr. Provincial, after consulting the Superior and the two consultors of these members of our group of Perpetual Adoration, can count on some of our members for the needs of the Province, stating where

2) Como entrou em contacto com eles?

These young men, and quite a few others with the same ideals, came to me on their own accord for spiritual direction. Since I was their spiritual director I detected in them their religious vocation. Not an ordinary vocation like the other seminarians in the United States. They wanted more and deeper spiritual life, and they didn't want any worldliness and the easy life of the seminaries now throughout the United States, both in the diocesan and religious seminaries. I detected their souls to be generous with God, and most willing to do God's Holy Will as thoroughly as possible. They wish to be priests and missionaries to save souls. They love the contemplative life, but not in the way it is practiced by the Trappists, Camaldoli, and Carthusians. I told them I was going to find the right place for them, but I needed important permissions beforehand. First of all the permission of Fr. General, which I obtained on May 28th of this year. Fr. General, Anthony Leghisa, C.M.F., in answer to my written petition, signed the approval by adding, "Le doy mi permiso con mucho gusto." I had been planning since last October, exactly a year ago, to establish a group of semi-contemplatives, being Claretians at the same time, that would devote themselves to fulfilling a four-fold aim as described thoroughly in question #1 with the attached papers that are a photostatic copy of the original sent already to the Very Reverend Fr. Provincial of Portugal, signed on September 21st of this year.

On November 2nd, 1970, I was a guest at the Claretian Residence at Colegio Pio XII in Lisbon, on my return from the Claretian American Pilgrimage to Fontfroide, France. I met the Very Reverend Fr. Provincial, João de Freitas Alves, C.M.F. I immediately detected in him to be a very spiritual man with very well-balanced judgment and humble and approachable. So I felt at ease with him after he himself served my Mass. I explained to Very Reverend Fr. de Freitas Alves my spiritual ambitions of having in Fátima a Claretian community for Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a memorial for the 100th anniversary of the holy death of Saint Anthony Mary Claret in Fontfroide on the 24th of October in 1870. In Fontfroide, as director of the Claretian American pilgrimage, I was privileged to offer the Holy Mass, and to have the consecration of the Sacred Species at 8:45 a.m. of October 24th, which was the exact moment he passed away 100 years before in that historic and holy monastery. I offered this new project to Saint Anthony Mary Claret in that moment. The pilgrims accompanying me from America were the only ones present at this Holy Mass besides the actual owners of that holy monastery, who are Catholics and went to Holy Communion at that Mass. I explained to Fr. de Freitas on the memorable evening of November 2nd how Saint Anthony Mary Claret wished that somewhere in the Congregation of his Missionaries there should be Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament day and night, and how I considered that Fátima would be the best suited for this.

Why in Fatima? Because the entire message of Fátima is a Claretian Charisma, and I should say the complete Claretian Charisma. As I stated in a letter to Fr. General on the 13th of September: "I thought that the best place for this should be Fátima for several reasons: 1) It was the Angel of Portugal in 1916 who brought to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, to adore and receive under both species, the Most Blessed Sacrament; 2) Because Fatima, since 1917, has been and is considered the holiest place in the world; 3) Because our dear Father Founder, Saint Anthony Mary Claret, has been promoted by the Bishop of Leiria, Ordinary of Fátima, to be the patron and generalissimo-in-chief of the Blue Army of Our Lady

it is noteworthy that 4) Saint Anthony Mary Claret was proclaimed, by His Holiness Pius XII, the Forerunner of Fátima. In January, 1971, I published an article in Soul magazine stating twelve reasons why Saint Anthony Mary Claret is a perfect prophet and forerunner of Fátima and of its entire message.

3) Habilitações humanas e culturais destes jovens?

Attached is another sheet listing all of their talents.

4) Há outros jovens com o mesmo ideal à espera de o realizar em Fátima?

Yes, there are quite a few well qualified young men that are ready to come in the near future, with true aspirations for real holiness. I will bring as many as I am permitted to bring. I hope that the superiors here don't place any limitations in regard to numbers as they did this year.

5) Que impressões têm de Fátima?

Fátima is the best place on earth after the Vatican City. Haec est Nova Jerusalem et Porta Coeli. It is by far the best Marian center in the world, where the Claretian Charisma finds its perfect fulfillment.

6) Que pensam da actual crise da Igreja?

The present crisis in the Church is a result of a lack of proper spiritual formation in the seminaries, and because of that, priests today are not as they should be. This crisis is going to be much worse because, in the present-day the seminaries, instead of being improved, are completely deteriorated, and the ones in charge of sacerdotal formation, sad to say but it is a fact, are the instruments of deformation of the future priests. "The priest, by virtue of his vocation," in the expression of St. John Eudes, "is called to the highest dignity on earth, and therefore to the highest sanctity." This great Saint and great director of seminaries in his day used to state this maxim many, many times to the seminarians and priests in his conferences or spiritual retreats. I stated that the crisis is going to be much worse because, since the Council of Trent, the seminaries have never been so corrupted as in the present-day. Pardon my expression, but this happens to be true. In most of the seminaries they have a disastrous misinterpretation of Vatican II, and I state this with all my conviction, after spending twenty-five years or more in the spiritual formation of seminarians. As a house, to weather the storms, should have solid foundations and then properly built on them, likewise the seminarians, as future priests, should have a thorough and deep foundation in the purgative life which most of them don't have, and then led into the illuminative life by the most expert and holy spiritual directors of the diocese or congregation, and by the time of their ordination they should be entering fully the unitive life, because the priest is another Christ and should be one with Christ, not only in name but in deed.

7) Que lhe parece do carácter português?

I am deeply impressed by the Portuguese, by their deep faith,

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thrifty, transforming rocks into bread.

To show you that the Portuguese and Basques had good mutual understanding in the Golden Era of the Iberian Peninsula, we have the example of Magellan and Don Juan de Elcano. In the Golden Age of Exploration of the Unknown Lands, though much fewer in numbers than their neighbors the Spaniards, the Portuguese were their toughest competitors, keeping up with them in so many ways; so that Alexander VI had to intervene to make the proper demarcation between Portuguese and Spanish territories. Magellan and Don Juan Sebastian de Elcano were the greatest seafarers at that time. The trip around the world planned by both of them, because of the premature death of Magellan who was killed by the natives in the Philippines, was continued and successfully finished by Don Juan Sebastian de Elcano, who was given by the Catholic kings of Spain a globe of the world with the inscription around it: "Tu primus me circumdedisti." They say about de Elcano that, before and after his trip around the world he prayed the Holy Rosary at the Church of the Holy Rosary in Seville, where he was seen often.

Finally, I am very happy that the holy body of one of my fellow Claretian Biscayans, Fr. Julian Butron, is incorrupt in the north of Portugal in Vila Cha. A year ago I visited him with three members of my family, and begged him to obtain for me the grace of bringing American vocations to Fátima to have here forevermore Perpetual Adoration of the Most Holy Sacrament and Perpetual Veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as a tribute to our Holy Father Founder and as a house of prayer on behalf of our entire Claretian Congregation. I am most thankful to Fr. Julian Butron for having obtained from Almighty God for our dear Portugal this signal grace.

Fr. Aloysius Albacarra, C.M.F.

Fatima October 19, 1971.

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Caro Padre Luís Ellacuria,
Seminário CMF. - FATIMA

Já que não posso comparecer em Fátima, nesta peregrinação de 13 de Outubro, venho por escrito dar-lhe as boas-vindas em nome da Provincia Claretiana de portugal, e no meu particular.

Soube com pena terem chegado a Fátima durante a noite, com bastante sacrifício. Estive no aeroporto de Lisboa, tanto de manhã como à noite de Domingo 10, mas nem vi qualquer avião da Caledonian, nem as informações oficiais sabiam disso. Tínhamos lugar para dormirem neste Colégio Universitário Pio XII, e automóvel designado para os levarmos depois a Fátima.

Estive há pouco em Fátima e deixei orientações para serem bem recebidos. Suponho que gostarão de escolher o dia 24/X/71 para iniciar o Noviciado: Centenário Claretiano em Fátima, é uma data histórica!

Com saudações fraternas para todos in CM.

Seminário do Coração de Maria
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Fátima

Hail, Heart of Mary!

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November 30, 1971

Mrs. Katherine Morrow
7007 Sepulveda Boulevard
Van Nuys, California

Dear Katherine,

So very happy that you made your pilgrimage to the Holy Land and again to some of the holy shrines in Europe. So happy to know that your blood pressure is going down.

The Daughters of Saint Anthony Mary Claret will be coming to Fátima the first part of July, and will be invested with the holy habit on the sixteenth of July, feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It will be the second anniversary of their beginning. I am securing a convent for them. There is room in it for twenty-two sisters. Its cost is $69,000.00. If that offering of yours at the beginning, for $50,000.00 would have taken effect, it was going to be now a decisive help to pay for this convent. It is going to be the Motherhouse and Novitiate for the Daughters of Saint Anthony Mary Claret. If you could send me as soon as you possibly can the $10,000.00 by international bank draft, I will feel quite relieved to pay the down-payment, together with the other $10,000.00 that you advanced before I came to Fátima. Pray that I be able to meet the payments.

My gratitude to you has been, is, and always will be most deep and intense. May the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother, Mother of Divine Love, and Saint Anthony Mary Claret pay you back one hundred-fold for your many and important kindnesses to me.

It is my privilege to say every day the Mass at the Capelinha, in the Cova da Iria, and my grateful heart prays in it for all those who have been nice to me, for all those in need, and for all those who have been in spiritual contact with me. And you, Katherine, have been on top of my list. May our good God spare you for many, many years.

Gratefully,
In the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Fr. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

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WE, the undersigned, have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation under and pursuant to the laws of the State of California, and we do hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of this corporation shall be CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES OF PERPETUAL ADORATION.

SECOND: The purposes of which this corporation is formed, the specific business in which the corporation intially is to engage being stated in paragraph (a) are,

(a) To assist financially, candidates for the Roman Catholic Priesthood.

(b) To enter into any kind of contract or agreement, with its officers or employees that the corporation may deem advantageous provided such contract or agreement does not conflict with federal restrictions on private foundations.

(c) To borrow money to issue bonds, debentures, notes and other obligations of this corporation and to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate, and/or convey in trust, any or all of its property to secure the payment thereof.

(d) To enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every kind and for any lawful purposes, without limit as to amount, with any person, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, municipality, state, or government, or any subdivision, district or department therefor.

(e) Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in further-

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ence of the primary purpose of this corporation.

THIRD: The county of the State of California where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation, it is to be located in the County of Los Angeles.

FOURTH: This corporation shall have no capital stock, and it is not formed or incorporated for and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof, and it will not distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to any of its members as such. The corporationis organized pursuant to the GENERAL NON-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, charitable, or hospital purposes, and upon the liquidation, dissolution, or abandonment of the owner, will not inure to the benefit of any pri vate person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after the payment of, or provision for the payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, or hospital purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

FIFTH: The number of said directors of said corporation shall be three (3).

The names and addresses of the persons who are appointed to act as the first directors and to hold office until the selection and qualification of their successors are as follows:

Kevin J. Manion	El Mirdor Road Rancho Santa Fe, California
Alta Flocca	4834 Cheryl Ave. La Crescenta, California
C. Peter Nigg	8435 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, California 90010

SIXTH: The number of persons named above shall constitute the number of directors of the corporation until changed by amendment of the By-Laws, or in any other manner provided by law, increasing or decreasing the number of directors as may be desired.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purposes of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of California, we, the undersigned, consituting the incorporators of this corporation including the persons named hereinabove as the first directors of this corporation, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 22nd day of November, 1971.

KEVIN MANION

ALTA FLOCCA

C. PETER NIGG

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On this 22nd day of NOVEMBER, 1971, before me a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing there in, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared, KEVIN MANION, C. PETER NIGG, and ALTA FLOCCA, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged to me that they executed same.

WITNESS my hand and Official Seal.

Notary Public in and for said County and State.

(Notorial Seal)

OFFICIAL SEAL
MARJORIE VICTORSON
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA
PRINCIPAL OFFICE IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
My Commission Expires Feb. 4, 1975

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